# 4. When God Intrudes

Genesis 28:10-15

Be patient - God hasn't finished with me vet

It's not enough to believe in God – you have to encounter him

## 1. God must intrude into your life v12-13

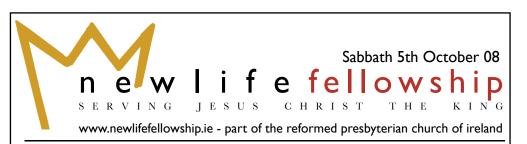
- Jacob is in the middle of life, in the middle of nowhere, life falling apart. ٠
- Dream 3 'Beholds' Stairs, Angels, God •
- He has a new awareness of God no mistaking it is God awe, fear, reverence (v17,18)
- God had intruded into the life of this deceitful man .
- God intrudes because Christianity is about God coming down to ٠ us, not us climbing up to God
- Not just about knowing there is a God Christianity is about a relationship with him
- O Have you encountered God? Has he intruded?
  - To show you your sinfulness, your need of him?
  - What have you done with it? 0
- Q Does God still intrude? Are you still encountering God?

#### God offers and confirms a new destiny v14 2.

- 1 verse on the imagery, 3 verses on what God says ٠
- God restates the 3-fold promise he made to Abraham & Isaac - Land, descendants, blessing
- God offers a new destiny to the one Jacob is facing also to us .
- Q what will you do with his offer?
- He also intrudes into Christians lives to confirm his promise of a ٠ new destiny
- How do we know for certain? Jesus himself is the 'stairway' from Heaven – John 1:51
- A new destiny is offered to Jacobs God is generous to those who don't deserve it

### God will provide for your present needs v15 3.

- God is not just a God of future promise, but of present help .
- Deals with the very specifics of Jacob's situation
- When you respond to God's offer, he makes the same promises to you
  - I will be with you Matt 28:20 0
  - I will keep you Jude 24
  - I will bring you home Phil 1:6 0
  - I will do all I promised 2 Cor 1:20 0
- He does it repeatedly speaking into our personal fear, worries, hurts.
- Outward circumstances might not change, but encountering God ٠ and his promises changes us in our circumstances.



### Notices

Sab 5th	Evening Service in Milford	8pm
Tues 7th	Opening Lecture of the College	
Wed 8th	Ladies are invited to Stranorlar Ladies meeting. Rev Tim Donachie will be speaking about his work in Peru	8pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Donegal Christian Women's Conference "Heaven Scent" – Linda Basdeo (Irish Bible Institute) Jackson's Hotel – Ballybofey Forms available – cost of day €35	
Sabbath 12th Opening Psal	- Reaping what you sow - Genesis 29 m: 85A:3-5	
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